

Atty. Dkt. No. 02CR092/KE

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

No claims are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 1, 8, 11, 13, 16 and 19 are currently being amended.

No claims are being added.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1-20 remain pending in this application.

In the Advisory Action dated March 28, 2006, the Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 1-20. The Examiner stated:

The main point the Applicant argues is that the conductor cited by the Examiner cannot be the rib structures claimed. However, the Examiner asserts that anything that separates two structures, such as conductors of Albert qualifies as a rib structure since it does not say in the claims or in the specification the specific function of the rib structure.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

However, to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 8, 11, 13, 16 and 19 to recite structural features related to the rib structures. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 8, 11, 13, 16 and 19 are now patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-20 are patentable over the cited art.

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Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1722. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 18-1722. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 18-1722.

Respectfully submitted,

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